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1. Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*);
2. Form PTO-1449 (33 pages) citing 129 documents;
3. A copy of the 129 cited documents AA1-AN5, AR1-AR33, AS1-AS32, and AT1-AT32; and
4. One return postcard.

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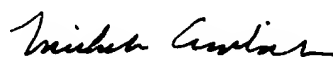
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